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Reply to Attn of:

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TO: All Prospective Offerors

FROM: Commercial Crew Integrated Design Contract (CCIDC)

Contracting Officer

SUBJECT: Draft Request for Proposal, NNK11393769R - Draft; Commercial

Crew Integrated Design Contract (CCIDC)

In accordance with NASA FAR Supplement 1815.201, Exchanges with Industry before Receipt of Proposals, the subject Draft Request for Proposal (DRFP) for the Commercial Crew Integrated Design Contract (CCIDC) is hereby released for public review and comment. An Executive Summary has been attached to provide an overview of the CCIDC approach.

The purpose of the DRFP is to assist the Government in developing the highest quality Request for Proposal. Accordingly, prospective offerors are invited to comment on all aspects of the DRFP including the Statement of Objectives, requirements, schedules, proposal preparation instructions and evaluation criteria. Prospective offerors are encouraged to identify areas in the DRFP that are unclear, ambiguous or otherwise warrant additional information or clarification in the final Request for Proposal.

Comments are requested on safety, technical or programmatic risks associated with performance of the work. The draft requirement documents, Commercial Crew Program "1100" series, contain Government-unique standards; therefore, prospective offerors are invited to identify voluntary consensus standards, (i.e. standards which are managed and administered by private sector, such as ISO 9000 and IEEE 1680), that meet the Government's requirements as alternatives to Government-unique cited "requirement" documents (see FAR 11.101 and OMB circular A-119). This request is not intended to address alternative documentation for specifications and standards listed in ISS Crew Transportation and Services Requirements Document, CCT-REQ-1130, Table 2.1.

Prospective offerors may suggest terms, including performance events or payments criteria for performance-based payments. These suggestions may be utilized to establish a common set of performance-based payments parameters in the final RFP.

The DRFP is not a solicitation and the Government is not requesting proposals. It shall not be construed as a commitment on the part of the Government to award a contract nor

does it obligate the Government for costs incurred in the preparation and submittal of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Although no response to the DRFP is required to maintain eligibility for CCIDC, comments may be submitted for consideration.

Comments related to draft RFP Attachment J-2, Integrated Crew Transportation System Requirements - 1100 series, must be received on or before October 14, 2011 at 12:00 PM Eastern Time to be considered. All other draft RFP comments must be received on or before October 20, 2011 at 12:00 PM Eastern Time to be considered. All comments should not contain proprietary markings and must be submitted via email to: rogelio.curiel@nasa.gov.

Government responses to comments will not be provided. However, comments received prior to the due date and time will be considered and, as appropriate, incorporated into the final RFP. If questions are received, those questions, along with the Government response, will be posted on the NASA/KSC Business Opportunities page at http://prod.nais.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/eps/bizops.cgi?gr=D&pin=76.

Any subsequent final solicitation will be synopsized prior to its release and published on FedBizOpps. It is the responsibility of prospective offerors to monitor the Internet site for the release of the final RFP and amendments (if any). Current CCIDC acquisition information can be obtained via the Internet at the following address: http://commercialcrew.nasa.gov.

Deviations and Waivers:

A deviation to the language in FAR 52.227-14 has been requested from NASA Headquarters. The DRFP contains the proposed deviation language to provide CCIDC contractors with greater rights in data and software under certain circumstances. The deviation has not yet been approved; therefore, changes to the final RFP may occur.

A waiver to FAR 15.403-4(a)(1)(iii), which requires certified cost or pricing for any modification expected to exceed the current threshold, has been requested from NASA Headquarters. The waiver has not yet been approved; therefore, changes to the final RFP may occur.

Thank you for your interest and participation,

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Attachment, Executive Summary